GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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DISMANTLING OF MUMBAI DOCKS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether two of the Mumbai's oldest docks, the Victoria and the Princes will soon be buried to make way for a parking lot of an off-shore terminal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantity of cargo handled by these docks during the last three years;

(d) the proposal of Mumbai Port Trusts (MPT) to make use of the area after dismantling them;

(e) whether there was an improvement in cargo handling by the Port during 2005-06;

(f) if so, the extent to which it is feasible to dismantle these two Docks; and

(g) the way in which the cargo will be handled during the period of its dismantling?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b): The Prince's and Victoria Docks being very old, built in 1880s, small and shallow, have almost become obsolete as the present vessels are bigger in size and deeper in draught. Mumbai Port proposes to fill up the Prince's and Victoria Dock Basins and develop into Container Yard for stacking of containers to be handled at the proposed Offshore Container Terminal and not for a parking lot.

(c): The quantity of cargo handled in Prince's &Victoria Docks from the year 2004-05 is as under:-

YEAR	CARGO HANDLED AT PRINCE'S & VICTORIA DOCKS (IN TONNES)	% OF TOTAL CARGO HANDLED IN MbPT
2004-05	9,04,667	2.57
2005-06	10,57,013	2.39
2006-07	10,91,216	2.08

(d): The Mumbai Port proposes to use the area as a Container Yard for stacking of nearly 1.00 Million Containers per Annum, to be handled at the Offshore Container Terminal.

(e) to (g): About 98% of the total cargo handled during the year 2006-07 at Mumbai Port was handled outside Prince's and Victoria Docks. Since a very small quantity of cargo is being handled in Prince's and Victoria Docks, this would be handled at Indira Dock and Bunder Areas. Hence, the cargo operations in Mumbai Port will not be affected during the period when the dismantling work will be in progress.